

EXAMINING BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKERS, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY
THERAPISTS AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS
PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS SECTION
JANUARY 25, 2001

MEMBERS PRESENT: Colleen James, Susan Putra, LaMarr Franklin

MEMBER EXCUSED: Sue Kell

LEGAL COUNSEL: John Schweitzer

STAFF PRESENT: Kimberly Nania, Karen Rude-Evans

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Colleen James called the meeting to order at 9:46 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Amendment: -Discussion of draft of proposed psychotherapy bill

MOTION: Susan Putra moved, seconded by LaMarr Franklin, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

SECRETARY CUMMINGS

Secretary Cummings announced she will be retiring effective February 25, 2001. The Section wished her well.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

MOTION: LaMarr Franklin moved, seconded by Susan Putra, to re-elect Colleen James as Chair, Susan Putra as Vice Chair and Sue Kell as Secretary. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 30, 2000

MOTION: LaMarr Franklin moved, seconded by Susan Putra, to approve the Minutes of November 30, 2000 as written. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED STIPULATIONS

There were no stipulations.

REPORTS ON PENDING COURT CASES, DISCIPLINARY CASES AND
ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

These reports were informational.

PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR LICENSE PORTABILITY

The Section reviewed an article written by Robert C. Neilsen regarding professional counselor license portability. The Section will continue with its current procedures to ensure that reciprocal applicants applying for certification in Wisconsin meet our requirements.

REVIEW OF SUMMARY OF PROPOSED PSYCHOTHERAPY LICENSURE BILL, 2001

The Section reviewed a summary, prepared by legal counsel, of the proposed psychotherapy licensure bill. The Section discussed the 3000-hour requirement, and thinks it needs to be broken down to specify the number of hours that should be face-to-face client contact.

A question was raised regarding pastoral counselors. Pastoral counselors are exempt from this proposed bill, however the proposed bill states that only those licensed under this bill may practice psychotherapy. Therefore, pastoral counselors may counsel but may not do psychotherapy unless licensed.

CONSULTING WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

John Schweitzer received an inquiry from a professional counselor. The question posed was: If a client admits in counseling to using marijuana on the job, does the counselor have the duty to inform the employer? The Section responded that there is no duty to inform the employer of drug use on the job unless there is an imminent threat of harm to self or others.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Susan Putra moved, seconded by LaMarr Franklin, to recess to closed session pursuant to Chapter 19.85(1)(a), (b), (f) and (g), Wis. Stats., for the purpose reviewing applications, reviewing case status reports and consulting with legal counsel. Roll call vote: Colleen James – yes, LaMarr Franklin – yes, Susan Putra – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Open session recessed at 10:25 a.m.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Open session reconvened by consensus at 11:35 a.m.

VOTING ON ITEMS CONSIDERED/DELIBERATED ON IN CLOSED SESSION

APPLICATION REVIEWS

MOTION: LaMarr Franklin moved, seconded by Susan Putra, to approve **Judith A. Nichols** and **Renne M. Conley** for reciprocal certifications, and approve **Melinda J. Hughes** for certification. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Susan Putra moved, seconded by LaMarr Franklin, to deny the application of **Brian Russell Griesbach** as his coursework does not fit the grid. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: LaMarr Franklin moved, seconded by Susan Putra, to approve **Kristine K. Wurm** for certification only after she has passed both the NBCC and jurisprudence examinations. Motion carried unanimously.

CASE STATUS REPORT

There were no cases to close. Attorney Jack Zwiég updated the Section on the status of several pending cases.

MOTION: LaMarr Franklin moved, seconded by Susan Putra, to accept the report given by Jack Zwiég. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned by consensus at 11:42 a.m.

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